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(Case No. 00-838-Q (600.038))

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Applicant : Eckstein, et al.
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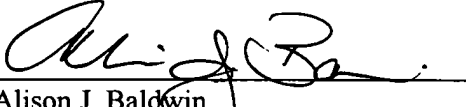
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

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Respectfully submitted,


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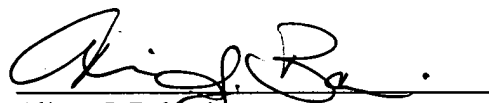
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Dear Sir:

Applicants inquire as to the status of the application. The application was filed on September 5, 2003. The Applicants have still not received an office action regarding this patent application. Applicants would appreciate receiving a telephone or written communication indicating when Applicant can expect to receive a first office action.

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